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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Margaret Harris, Principal The Owl Elementary School 6045 16th Street NW Washington, D.C. 20011

Re: Notice of Noncompliance, Case No. #A2000-02

Dear Ms. Harris:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA") serves this Notice of Noncompliance ("NON") to you for violations at The Owl Elementary School located on 6045 16th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20011, of subchapter II of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act ("AHERA") of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 2601 to 2692, as alleged below. Each violation is based on information collected by the U.S. EPA inspector during a February 17, 1999 inspection, indicating that the following AHERA violations existed at that time:

- Failure to ensure that workers and building occupants, or their legal guardians, are informed at least once each school year about inspections, response actions, and post-response activities, including periodic reinspection and surveillance activities that are planned or in progress, in violation of 40 C.F.R. § 763.84(c);
- Failure to document a reinspection of the school facility every three years as required by the regulations, in violation of 40 C.F.R. §763.85(b);
- Failure to maintain in the LEA's or school's administrative office a complete, updated copy of the management plan for the school, in violation of 40 C.F.R. §763.93(g)(2);
- Failure to notify in writing parent, teacher, and employee organizations of the availability of the management plans in violation of 40 C.F.R. §763.93(g)(4).

The Interim Final Enforcement Response Policy for the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act ("AHERA ERP"), dated January 31, 1989 (enclosed), provides that Notices of Noncompliance ("NON") are to be issued to Local Educational Agencies for certain violations of AHERA and/or AHERA regulations.

The AHERA ERP provides that no penalties be assessed for the violations in the bulleted list. However, repeat violations of AHERA may be considered knowing and willful violations of

TSCA, and therefore, may be subject to additional enforcement actions including civil and criminal penalties and injunctive relief.

If you have not already done so, you must immediately remedy these violations. If the violations are not corrected within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this NON, the AHERA ERP directs the EPA Region to pursue further action, including press releases, notification of the State Governor, injunctive relief, or criminal referral. Therefore, within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this NON, you must execute and return to Garry D. Sherman (3WC32), Regional Asbestos Coordinator, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029, the certification set forth below:

I hereby certify that the Local Education Agency, The Owl Elementary School, has corrected the violations cited in the Notice of Noncompliance and has complied with all other requirements of the "Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools" codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 763, Subpart E. I understand that the United States Environmental Protection Agency retains the right to reinspect Local Education Agencies and that the discovery of further violations may lead to additional enforcement action including possible imposition of civil penalties.

Principal		 	
Date		 	

In accordance with the AHERA ERP, I am forwarding a copy of this NON to the Governor's office. If you have any questions regarding this NON, your attorney, or you, if you are not represented by an attorney, may contact Mr. Sherman by telephone at (215) 814-5267.

Very truly yours,

Donald J. Lott, Chief

Pesticides/Asbestos Programs & Enforcement Branch

Enclosure

cc:

Mayor Anthony Williams, Washington, D.C. Governor Parris N. Glendening, Maryland